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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st March, 1954 -

Males - 336,070

Females - 316,716

Persons - 652,786

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1954 -

Persons - 354,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	APRIL		Four Months ended APRIL	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Marriages - Number	506	547	1,935	1,957
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.42	10.46	9.03	9.38
Births - Number	1,260	1,385	5,348	5,133
* Rate per 1000 of Population	23.46	26.49	24.97	24.61
Deaths - Number	354	400	1,615	1,563
* Rate per 1000 of Population	6.59	7.65	7.54	7.50
Infant - Number	32	26	125	100
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	25.40	18.77	23.37	19.48
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	3	3	11	9
Malignant neoplasms	50	61	219	262
Diabetes mellitus	4	2	16	13
Diseases of blood, etc.	3	2	8	9
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	33	43	186	180
Diseases of the heart	104	135	474	455
Hypertension with heart disease	8	11	57	46
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	1	5	24	21
Arteriosclerosis	8	9	39	46
Influenza	2	1	2	2
Pneumonia	9	16	52	46
Bronchitis	2	2	7	9
Other respiratory disease	3	1	12	13
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	8	9	18
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	6	3	11	15
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	2	4
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	-	5	4
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	6	16	21
Disease of the prostate	3	5	15	10
Maternal causes	2	3	4	4
Diseases of early infancy	18	20	69	60
Motor Vehicle accidents	22	12	75	56
Other accidents	16	14	92	79
Suicide	5	3	28	22
All other causes	48	35	182	159
Total:	354	400	1,615	1,563

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May, 1955, totalled 304,919 acres, a decrease of 160,435 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,636,056 acres, an increase of 61,635.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£.		£.	
Revenue	4,353,003	4,134,215	39,987,944	37,766,450
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 13. 0	6. 9. 8	61. 16. 1	60. 0. 1
Expenditure	3,931,287	3,657,044	40,837,370	38,780,647
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 0. 2	5. 14. 8	63. 2. 4	61. 12. 3

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balance on the 31st May, 1955, amounted to £52,489,544 or £80.2.9 per head of population as against £51,665,066 or £80.18.9 per head as at the 31st May last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for 4 weeks ended 25th May, 1955, amounted to £14,684,805 compared with £14,259,815 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
Transfers	No.	1,774	2,176	20,535	22,445
	£.	2,828,659	3,603,547	31,675,108	33,543,981
Mortgages	No.	1,370	1,822	15,299	18,520
	£.	2,673,718	3,205,745	29,134,601	29,793,895
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	955	1,112	10,257	11,992

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS
AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
May, 1955	4,565,502	2,567,431	10,702,177	518,422
May, 1954	4,459,503	1,943,358	10,305,086	508,875
Eleven Months ended May, 1955	42,174,796	23,130,333	101,132,553	5,242,600
Eleven Months ended May, 1954	38,181,029	23,556,568	89,215,570	5,375,752

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COMPANIES REGISTERED

203 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £24,939,501 and 94 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1955. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 170 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £12,930,003 and 72 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Eleven Months ended MAY					
	1955			1954		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	55	118,626	46,843	47	140,868	97,304
Deeds of Assignment (a)	27	116,373	137,081	21	89,503	105,097
Deeds of Arrangement	1	1,223	274	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,064,300	1,030,435	10,326,200	9,329,535
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,123,911	1,149,663	11,257,189	11,361,798
Train Miles Run No.	661,905	610,345	6,402,884	5,972,505
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 121,453	(b) 138,920	(c) 1,235,602	(c) 1,520,685
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	789,551	652,452	8,035,485	7,041,687
Motor Bus No.	31,358	39,120	293,874	457,779
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	309,210	268,175	2,705,131	2,520,101
Livestock	8,228	7,511	109,011	108,097
Departmental (Free Freight)	53,559	81,143	751,873	665,642
Total:	370,997	356,829	3,566,015	3,293,840
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	47,800,736	45,670,566	446,810,036	429,448,488
Livestock	1,001,463	868,534	14,374,087	14,041,513
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,374,278	10,547,488	93,541,334	91,896,644
Total:	56,176,477	57,086,588	554,725,457	535,386,645

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 2nd April.

(c) Period ended 2nd April.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,657	6,000	70	1,267
<u>1955 -</u>								
January	391	177	2	42	688	393	3	87
February	634	196	1	71	1,025	436	10	104
March	670	224	1	65	1,145	497	4	103
April	576	187	-	48	971	383	-	88

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1952 -</u>								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
<u>1953 -</u>								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
<u>1954 -</u>								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,868	60,144	1,136	14,886
<u>1955 -</u>								
January	52,634	21,971	590	9,704	84,141	58,281	1,043	14,037
February	53,075	22,093	590	9,699	85,797	59,931	1,131	14,427
March	53,656	22,225	562	9,644	87,219	60,793	1,133	14,594

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for March, 1955:-
96 Cars; 768 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, April 1955 and 1954, and ten months ended April 1955 and 1954, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	10 Months ended APRIL				10 Months ended APRIL			
	APRIL		APRIL		APRIL		APRIL	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	4,868	4,630	41,095	34,947	6,781	5,780	60,820	62,967
Interstate	8,364	8,845	75,965	68,084	2,209	1,200	18,212	16,072
Total:	13,232	13,475	117,060	103,031	8,990	6,980	79,032	79,039

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955 - March Qr.	671	1,916	1,272	3,610	32	1,235	185	1,573	2,160	8,334

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION (Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls										
Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total		
No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
	£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000	£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955 - March Qr.	685	2,449	30	70	1,158	2,760	1	1	1,874	5,280

GOLD PRODUCTION

	MAY		5 Months ended MAY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Quantity Fine ozs.	61,673	65,828	364,684	364,868
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	963,636	1,028,564	5,698,183	5,661,159
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	481,591	401,383	703,446	510,758

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH QUARTER		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Metropolitan Area	2,819	2,731	2,824	2,668	2,514	2,348	2,501	2,320
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2,981	2,852	2,942	2,778	2,452	2,407	2,437	2,377
Northam	2,885	2,737	2,854	2,675	2,481	2,360	2,447	2,336
Bunbury	2,866	2,782	2,862	2,696	2,519	2,376	2,483	2,339
Geraldton	2,896	2,816	2,890	2,749	2,643	2,473	2,620	2,443
Collie	2,914	2,804	2,896	2,727	2,326	2,265	2,314	2,235

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1954			1955		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	133,021	41,620	174,641	135,624	42,794	178,418
February	133,165	42,375	175,540	135,417	43,730	179,147
March	133,924	42,595	176,519	136,290	44,016	180,306
April	133,517	42,811	176,328	136,524	43,893	180,417
May	134,347	42,768	177,115			
June	134,969	42,685	177,754			
July	134,232	42,947	177,179			
August	134,960	42,933	177,893			
September	134,947	43,186	178,133			
October	135,008	43,559	178,567			
November	135,645	43,962	179,607			
December	135,481	44,179	179,660			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January	208	214	213	226	233
February	212	216	217	228	235
March	215	216	220	231	236
April	215	215	221	230	236
May	216	214	222	231	
June	215	211	220	230	
July	218	211	221	229	
August	217	212	221	229	
September	216	211	223	228	
October	217	212	224	230	
November	217	213	227	231	
December	215	213	227	232	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1954, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
27/7/53	12.	6.	6	8.	0.	3	12.	6.	0
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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	41,417	35,751	419,470	363,979
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	36,938	31,908	375,344	325,896

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
May, 1955	14,611	212	65,215	14,472
May, 1954	12,697	329	62,078	8,431
11 Months ended May, 1955	112,007	4,005	1,067,136	151,752
11 Months ended May, 1954	101,961	4,937	979,160	97,331

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
<u>1955 -</u>										
January	409	216	194	93	603	309	12	14	251	128
February	484	137	179	54	663	191	14	7	213	66
March	377	155	192	69	569	224	7	7	223	89
April	459	177	155	77	614	254	11	11	184	112
Total 4 Months ended April	1,729	685	720	293	2,449	978	44	39	871	395

ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	MAY		11 Months Ended MAY	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	1,203	946	7,673	8,768
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	832	1,131	11,613	8,792
- Clay	'000	9,420	8,339	94,221	83,791
Cement, Portland	ton	12,300	12,100	127,069	114,620
Enamels	gal.	4,067	2,803	36,175	41,720
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	231	201	2,328	2,058
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	20,498	21,616	211,167	176,828
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	954	830	9,931	8,449
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)13,240	(a)14,797	(b)180,413	(b)178,582
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	1,354	1,147	10,573	9,069
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	1,775	2,393	22,037	24,188
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	2,655	3,943	46,945	46,339
Sports Coats Men's	no.	268	797	7,655	8,238
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	258	401	3,560	4,844
- 2 piece	no.	1,875	2,094	21,675	23,676
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,983	4,818	46,639	51,305
- Work					
(Cotton and Wool)	no.	13,272	19,403	135,239	139,566
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	37,963	54,412	378,012	467,370
Sandals	pair	369	811	132,610	125,175
Slippers	pair	35,167	46,300	367,607	557,871
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	720	643	6,837	7,200
Butter	'000 lb.	789	519	14,860	13,015
Cheese	'000 lb.	107	123	2,275	2,626
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	325	277	3,424	3,123
Jams	'000 lb.	45	105	561	761
Margarine	'000 lb.	122	150	1,109	1,138
Oatmeal	cwt.	4,876	7,237	45,367	93,144
Sauce - Tomato	pint	63,612	37,186	577,518	588,629
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Hydrochloric	cwt.	152	114	1,265	1,256
- Nitric	cwt.	28	24	180	208
- Sulphuric	ton	15,324	11,406	151,058	134,774
Cycles, Pedal	no.	347	550	7,276	7,694
Gas Produced	million cu.ft.	126	129	1,320	1,314
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,174	1,923	20,192	18,630
- Woven Wire	no.	1,438	1,156	30,556	26,925
- Soft Filled	no.	3,405	3,380	38,638	41,417
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	88	85	950	1,000
Utilities (all types)	no.	19	37	306	229
Trailers (all types)	no.	18	11	202	152
Perambulators	no.	56	67	706	984

(a) April figures, May unavailable.

(b) Ten months ended April.

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